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Minimum Price for Rice

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Report Highlights:

On February 14, 2003, the Nigerian Customs Service issued circular no. 008/2003 which addresses under-invoicing of imported rice. The declaration states that the tariff for rice will be calculated based on \$270.00/MT unless a lower amount has been authorized. It is not clear what the long term impact of this decision will be, however, combined with the high duty (effective rate of 110 percent), it is likely U.S. exports will be impacted. Currently, a shipment of Food for Progress rice is held up at the Lagos Tin Can port as the duty was not paid according to this new directive.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
Unscheduled Report
Lagos [NI1], NI

Executive Summary

The Nigerian Customs Service issued circular no. 008/2003 titled "Under Invoicing in the importation of rice," dated February 14, 2003. The full text of the directive is as follows:

With effect from the February 13, 2003, import duty and other statutory charges on rice shall be calculated on a minimum cost of Two Hundred and Thirty dollars (\$230) per ton, and freight of not less than Forty dollars per ton unless where a lower amount has been authorized by express written permission.

Where ships are discharging at less than \$230 per ton, discharging will be discontinued until the importer accepts to pay the full amount of the duty due on cost at \$230 per ton plus freight of \$40 per ton or if the importer declines, the government will take over the cargo at the price claimed on the invoice.